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SUBJECT: ROUND SIX

CINCLANT AND CINCEUR FOR POLAD; PRETORIA FOR RSO

1. HEAVY URBAN FIGHTING BROKE OUT IN LUANDA AT 1300Z JUNE 5.
THE OUTBREAKS WERE SIMULTANEOUS IN HALF A DOZEN BLACK GHETTOS
AND APPARENTLY WERE EXECUTED BY MPLA AGAINST FNLA. FIGHTING
CONTINUED UNTIL MIDNIGHT, THEN STOPPED UNTIL DAWN WHEN IT BROKE
OUT AGAIN IN SEVERAL AREAS. THE CENTRAL HOSPITAL WAS HIT BY
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A ROCKET (RPG) THAT KILLED THREE PEOPLE. A MILITARY

SOURCE REPORTS "VERY HEAVY CASUALTIES" IN THE CITY-WIDE FIGHTING AND ATTRIBUTES THIS TO THE INCREASED USE OF HEAVY WEAPONS SUCH AS MORTARS AND ROCKETS. THE ARMY REPORTS THEY SAW A 122 MM ROCKET LAUNCHER IN THE POSSESSION OF MPLA. UNITA DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN HIT IN THIS FIGHTING BUT THERE IS AS YET NO INDICATION THAT UNITA HAS DECIDED TO JOIN THE FRAY. A MILITARY SOURCE STATED THAT MPLA HAS THE UPPER HAND SO FAR.

2. THE LUANDA MILITARY COMMAND, COPLAD, ISSUED A STERNLY WORDED BRIEF COMMUNIQUE AT 1900 JUNE 5 THAT SAID:

"ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENT TROOPS ENCOUNTERED ARMED OR UNARMED OUTSIDE OF THEIR DELEGATION WILL BE ARRESTED AND, IF THEY RESIST, SHOT."

"THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES AND THE INTEGRATED MILITARY FORCES (SIC) WILL USE ALL THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO PUT A STOP TO THIS SITUATION, AND WILL BE UNYIELDING AGAINST WHICHEVER FORCE DOES NOT FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS."

THERE IS NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT THEY ARE CARRYING OUT THEIR ORDERS.

3. THE INTEGRATED MILITARY FORCES DISINTEGRATED SHORTLY AFTER THE OUTBREAKING OF FIGHTING AND THE TROOPS REVERTED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE LIBERATION ARMIES.

4. A CONGEN OFFICER WHO VISITED SOME OF THE AFFECTED ZONES REPORTS THAT A STREET BATTLE IS NOW (0730Z) DEVELOPING IN A EUROPEAN NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATED BETWEEN MPLA AND FNLA HQS. HEAVILY ARMED PATROLS FROM EACH GROUP WERE OBSERVED ADVANCING TOWARD THE OTHER HQ, UNDER COVER OF MORTARS AND HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. A LOADED AMBULANCE GOING THROUGH THIS AREA WAS MACHINE GUNNED WITH TWO KILLED.

5. NO FIGHTING HAS BEEN REPORTED IN AREAS INHABITED BY AMERICANS ALTHOUGH MANY ARE VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE THE AIRPORT HAS BEEN CLOSED.
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